

# Sedalia Evening Democrat

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## THE EVANS CASE.

### THE CHARGE AGAINST JOHN EVANS DISMISSED.

#### Not Evidence Sufficient to Convict—Exciting Scenes During the Trial.

The police court room was crowded with spectators at 10 o'clock this morning as Justice Milo Blair again called up the Evans' seduction case. This was a continuation of the preliminary hearing held last Thursday a week ago.

Attorneys Longan and Hastain appeared for the prosecution, while Attorney W. D. Steele represented the defense.

The first witness called was Jennie Bird, a colored girl, and her testimony is as follows:

"Have known defendant about two years. Her reputation was good as far as I know. Never heard anyone say anything against her. Have known Evans but a short time. He sent for me to come to Chaney's store saying that he wanted me to do some washing. Saw him next day at Chaney's store. He and Steele then wanted to know what I knew of May S., and if they saw any men. Said if I would find out anything I would be well paid for my trouble, but not at that time. This conversation took place between me and Evans. Steele not present, but was in front of store. [An exciting wrangle took place between the attorneys, Hastain and Steele, in reference to the method of examining the witness.] Mr. Evans asked me if I knew anything of a plot having been made. Said I did not.

St. Clair McClain, a pressman at the *Bazoo* office, was next called:

"I know Evans. Lost the prescriptions about a month ago. Do not know what they were. Can't say that they were for fluid extract of cottonwood. [Hastain at this point said that witness came to his office voluntarily and gave information, and after a time agreed to be subpoenaed as witness. Witness said that John Evans sent him to Mertz & Hale's for the medicine; that he told Evans he should not do this.] I got the prescriptions filled at Mertz & Hale's, and think that it was put in ink. Don't remember whether or not I had any conversation with Evans. [Steele then commenced examination.] Hastain sent for me to come to his office. No one ever offered me money."

Pope: "Was present in December when Evans had a conversation with Scherubel on the street. Was going along when Scherubel stopped me. Told Evans that he must do something for his wife and make provision for her and child. Evans said, 'I have nothing to say.' Scherubel wanted Evans to meet him somewhere. Evans did not want to go to *Bazoo* office or Scherubel's house. Made arrangement to meet at gas works office, next morning. Scherubel seemed excited. I have heard Scherubel say that his mother-in-law was very disagreeable. Heard Scherubel say to Evans that if he did not 'put up' for his wife, he would get a big 'write up.'"

David Chaney, witness for defense:

"Jennie Bird came into store and met Evans. She told Evans that if he wanted to know anything, he must pay her for her time. Evans told her that he had heard that she had made statement about plot. Wanted to know what she knew. Could not pay anything for her. She said there were a good many men going to house but did not know what they were doing there."

Mrs. Margaret Bales, witness for defense: "Live in Sedalia. Have done housework at different places. Lived under same roof with Scherubel in October. Lived in adjoining room to Mrs. Stewart. Their portion with cracks in it divided rooms. Could hear a whisper. Understood they were separated about Christmas. Did not know Evans at that time. I heard a conversation between mother and husband and wife. He came one night. Door was locked. Said he would break it down. Then it was opened. Man ran out and Scherubel ran after him. Came back and demanded explanation of door being locked. Said that Mrs. Stewart had tried to wreck his happiness with his wife. Would take his child and leave country. The three sent daughter after Evans. Joe came and hid himself in hall. A plan was made to get Evans down. Mother said for her to go after Evans and if he did not come to take hold of him and bring him.

He was either to give them \$1,600 or Scherubel would kill him. Threats repeated several times. Mrs. Stewart threatened her daughter if she did not do what she was told. I borrowed a suit of clothes to disguise myself and went to the *Bazoo* office and saw Evans; told him to stay away from Scherubel's, as his life was in danger. Was disguised because I feared my life. Did not want murder committed in my house, reason I went to Evans."

At this point court adjourned for dinner, to meet again at 2 o'clock.

At 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Bales was again called to the stand. The crowd was even larger than in the morning.

"Evans first knew of my knowledge of the case when I went to the *Bazoo* office and told. Went there a week or three or four days before Christmas."

Attorney Hastain began a hot fire of examination at this point, and a lively time was had. The story of the man's being in the room of the girl's mother and being chased by Scherubel, was closely followed up.

The crowd became somewhat noisy, their risibilities evidently being aroused. The court was obliged to rap for order.

"Scherubel said we will get that \$1,600 and leave this town and live like somebody, or kill the d—d s— of a b—!" I never whetted a butcher knife and told Mrs. Stewart that I would get even with her."

Considerable more evidence was introduced from other witnesses. When all had been examined, Longan arose and said:

"I feel that the evidence does not vindicate the defendant. The parties prosecuting are also guilty. I propose to dismiss this case because I can not secure a conviction. The defendant deserves to be damned and censured, and is guilty of a wrong. The case is a dirty one, and I feel that the dignity of the state has not been honored."

The case was then dismissed by Judge Milo Blair.

A heated discussion arose between Attorneys Longan and Hastain, both for the defense. The latter differed with Mr. Longan and expressed himself in heated terms.

### Mrs. Hedgepeth Broken Down.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 19.—Mrs. Marian C. Hedgepeth, wife of the notorious express robber, now in St. Louis, came in on the Burlington from St. Louis yesterday morning, accompanied by Attorney R. A. Brown. On her arrival Mrs. Hedgepeth entered a carriage at the union depot and was driven direct to the home of her parents at 405 North Second street. Mrs. Hedgepeth has broken down completely and grave doubts are entertained for her recovery. It is believed the ordeal through which she has passed has turned her brain. Since her arrest she has made four attempts at suicide.

### ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

#### How the Sedalia Pythians Were Received by Their Brethren in Booneville.

At 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon seventy-five Knights of Pythias from Sedalia left the union depot in a special train, drawn by an engine artistically decorated.

Two hours later they reached Booneville—their point of destination—and were there met by a committee from Golden Gate lodge, K. of P., who escorted them to the hotels, where supper was had.

Then the Sedalians participated in the ceremonies of conferring the second rank degree on two candidates, at the conclusion of which they repaired to the Thespian opera house, where they enjoyed a serenade by a local band.

After a general intermingling, in which new acquaintances were formed and old ones renewed, the visitors were invited to the spacious armory hall, where a sumptuous supper was spread. During the banquet an excellent orchestra furnished choice selections at proper intervals, and there were also several addresses.

It was far along in the morning when the hosts and guests bade one another goodbye.

The Sedalians are loud in their praise of their entertainment in the beautiful Vine Clad city. They say they were not permitted to pay for anything, but were given unlimited liberty of the town.

Boonville, so the prairie Pythians declare, cannot be excelled in Missouri for gallant knights, lovely women and overflowing hospitality, and they pronounce Golden Gate lodge a gem in the constellation of lodges in the state.

Attend the Catholic fair.

## THE UNIVERSITY.

### THE ALL-ABSORBING TOPIC AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

#### No Appropriation Until a Site is Selected—Re-Districting the State.

Special to the Democrat.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—

The university removal proposition continues to be the subject of much interest, both in the general assembly and in the hotel lobbies. The Clinton and Marshall people are active against the proposition to rebuild at Columbia, and their delegations have done some good work.

The house decided to-day to refuse any appropriation until the question of location is settled and the senate defeated the resolution to send a committee to Columbia.

Bills re-districting the state into representative, judicial, congressional districts are being introduced in each branch, but none of the bills appear entirely satisfactory.

The plan of making a strong republican district in the southern part of the state meets the opposition of the democrats who are placed in the district, and also of the republicans who object to having so many of their votes bunched in one district.

State and national politics receive a great deal of attention where so many statesmen are gathered together. Col. D. W. Marmaduke is on hand to look after his boom for the governorship, and probably no man in the race has more personal friends and fewer enemies than the dignified yet genial ex-warden.

Just now Stone and Dalton are the most prominent figures in the arena of state politics, however.

For the presidential nomination Cleveland appears to lead any other one candidate, but it is plain that he is not the choice of a majority of the democrats on the ground. He still leads, but his popularity is on the wane while that of Boies is on the increase.

Among the republicans Blaine seems to be the favorite, with Harrison ranking second.

### OPPOSED TO SILVER AGITATION.

#### Anti-Free Coinage Men Ask for a Caucus to Shut off the Talk.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The anti-free coinage men have come forward with a demand for a caucus to relegate the silver question to the rear until after the presidential election. The following petition for a caucus was yesterday circulated in the house by Mr. Harter, of Ohio: Hoar, of Massachusetts, and other pronounced opponents of free coinage:

"To Hon. William S. Holman, Chairman. 'We ask you to call a meeting of the democratic members of this house for Thursday evening, Feb. 25, at 7:30 o'clock, to consider two resolutions which will be presented. They are as follows:

"Resolved, That we are in favor of continued use of both gold and silver as money, and that we are opposed to any legislation which will drive either metal out of general circulation.

"Resolved, That in justice to the democratic party and with due consideration for the general business, industrial and financial interests of the nation, we deem it the duty of the democratic members of the Fifty-second congress to defer any definite action on the subject of free coinage until the question of its wisdom and justice is distinctly made in the elections of 1892. We ask you further to invite the democratic members of the senate to this conference."

The promoters of the call express the fullest confidence in securing the requisite number of signatures to force a caucus.

### A Deaf Mute Killed.

GIRARD, Kas., Feb. 18.—Last night, while walking on the railroad track between Beulah and Girard, a deaf mute, name supposed to be Frank Smith, was struck by a freight train and fatally injured. He is a man about five feet six inches tall, about 30 or 35 years old, with sandy mustache and stubby beard.

### Fears of a Break.

PARKER, Pa., Feb. 19.—The great ice gorge in the Allegheny river has not yet broken, but as the weather is moderating rapidly it may come within the next twenty-four hours. The river is nineteen feet high and slowly rising. If the gorge breaks and the water falls it is thought the ice will pass off without doing much damage. The greatest alarm is felt, however, and

arrangements have been made to notify the people when the danger is imminent by ringing the town bell. The gorge extends from Red-bank to Foxburg, a distance of twenty-nine miles. There is little danger for the personal safety of the people, as there are numerous hills on each side of the river to which they can go. The entire business portion, however, is on the river bank.

### A Rain of Fire.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 19.—An accident happened at the Edgar Thompson steel works last night in which two men were fatally injured and another probably fatally injured. Their names are John Fischer, John McCaffrey and John Ward. Four men were on the platform in front of steel converter No. 3 when a heat of steel was blowing in. The converter turned over suddenly, and the pit being full of steam, the men were unable to see the fiery hail descending upon them.

When the sparks fell a wild rush was made for the steps. Fischer fell down, striking his head on a red hot ingot. He was unable to rise, and was terribly burned by the flying steel. McCaffrey's clothing was burned off and his body was badly charred. Both will die. Ward was also frightfully burned about the head, and but slight hopes of his recovery are entertained.

### The Boy Murderer Sentenced.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 19.—Charles Miller, the boy murderer of two young men from St. Joseph, Mo., named Fishbaugh and Emerson, was sentenced yesterday by the supreme court to be hanged April 22. The crime was committed seventy-five miles east of here while the three men were stealing a ride in a box car and was for the purpose of robbery. The governor will probably be asked to interfere in Miller's behalf.

### A Murderer Arrested.

BOONVILLE, Mo., Feb. 19.—William Walker, colored, of Fayette, who on last October killed Green Morrison, also colored, was arrested by Sheriff Hornbeck, of this city, yesterday.

### THE NIAGARA CLUB.

#### An Institution Which Sedalia Should Encourage.

Yesterday's DEMOCRAT contained a brief notice of a scheme being put on foot to provide this city with a club house. We have since learned the particulars of the scheme from one of its promoters and give it a most hearty endorsement. The objects and purposes of the club is to promote literature, collect and preserve historical events, encourage the study of the arts and sciences, maintain a library, art gallery and museum; promote fraternal relations, and to discuss and encourage all business enterprises that may have a tendency to build up and add to the prosperity of the city. In a word it is intended to erect a building large enough to furnish a large library and reading room, art gallery and museum rooms, lecture room, billiard room, chess room, common reception room, a ladies' reception room, and such other rooms as may be necessary to furnish accommodations for all who may wish to spend an hour or two a day in reading or study, innocent amusement or gossip. It will also be a place where strangers seeking business locations may be introduced and talk business to our citizens. The lecture room will be used for such entertainments as may from time to time be given for the entertainment of the club, and will also afford a place of meeting for the Historical society, Natural History society, Medical society, Chautauqua society, &c. The museum room will be filled with natural curiosities and works of art. Three of the promoters of the scheme now have large collections of geological, mineral, zoological and botanical specimens, which will be placed in the museum as soon as it is permanently established. It is believed that a large library will be donated as soon as the building is complete.

It will be a corporation organized as a benevolent society without capital stock. But to enable it to raise means to purchase ground and erect the building it will sell two hundred perpetual memberships at \$100 each. The money paid for memberships is not a donation, but an investment. It will not only give the holder free enjoyment of all the benefits of the society, on payment of such monthly dues as may be necessary to defray the running expenses, but as the number is limited, they will enhance in value.

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### Each Wants the Dog.

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"I would earnestly advise them for their good to order this paper to be punctually served up and to be looked upon as a part of the tea equipage."—ADDISON.

REPUBLICANS who protest against a gerrymander in Missouri are not seriously troubled about the one just about to be accomplished over in Ohio.

BROTHER STREIT howls because the city council ordered the seven per cent. bonds paid and the city debt reduced. He would have howled louder if this had not been done.

No newspaper can injure a public officer by constant, persistent misrepresentation. Such a course only makes fair-minded men stick closer to their friend whom they know is being unjustly accused.

BROTHER STREIT thinks there are spies in the republican ranks. If by spies he means republicans who are disgusted at his course and have concluded to rebuke him with their votes, there are lots of them.

It is rumored that Brother Streit is going to assume the functions of political inspector to determine who are true republicans and who are "spies." Nothing is to be considered genuine unless it bears Brother Streit's trade mark.

If Editor Streit made such a bad mess of his directorship with the intelligent assistance of Mr. Stith, what will it be this year. People will prefer to stick to their old books than trust Brother Streit to make them a new one.

DEMOCRATS don't want to pile up beastly majorities in a few congressional districts, but will divide up the party majority and give the republicans an equal chance in all the districts—that is, as good a chance to carry one district as another.

SOMETHING hurts Brother Streit and he imagines the whole city of Sedalia is going to the demimion bowwows. But he is mistaken. Sedalia is going right along prospering and improving year by year, whatever becomes of Brother Streit or any other man.

HARRISON's orders that no negro be sent as a delegate to the national convention may possibly cost him the votes of several southern states in the contest for the nomination. A late special dispatch from Anniston, Alabama, says: "The negro republicans of Alabama have declared war on the white republicans of the state, and they declare they will name the chairman of the next state executive committee and also send a ma-

jority of their own color to the national republican convention. Wm. J. Stevens, of this city, is at the head of this movement, and he, together with two or three other prominent negro politicians, has called a meeting for to-morrow at Birmingham to formulate plans for the campaign. They will also demand of the railroad companies in this state that they provide better accommodations for colored passengers. Stevens says that his crowd is determined to win this time; that they have done the voting and the white republicans the representing long enough and a change shall be made."

### THE SITUATION.

The St. Joseph Gazette, one of the ablest papers in the state, correctly reviews the situation in regard to the presidential nomination, as will be seen by an extract published elsewhere.

What the developments of the next few months may be, no man can foretell.

But at present it seems as if the two candidates who have attracted most attention were both badly handicapped.

It would be folly to nominate Cleveland with the feeling of a large faction, if not a clear majority, of the New York democrats against him.

It would be unwise to nominate Hill with so strong a prejudice against him in his own state.

There may yet be a change in the situation. Interest enough may be awakened on matters of party principle to obscure the personal contest in New York and cause that state to give one or the other of her candidates a united and cordial support.

But unless this happens the democracy must beware of New York and New York quarrels.

The contest for supremacy in the country between the two great parties is too important to permit of any unwise moves.

It is thoroughly understood that democratic success means an utter repudiation of the practice of taxing the masses of the people for the benefit of a privileged class.

The "protected" interests fully understand that their "protection" stands or falls with the success or failure of the republican party, and there will be no lack of "fat" when the eventful day approaches.

Every beneficiary of the robber tariff will disgorge, for campaign purposes, a part of his ill-gotten gains, and once more, as in 1880, crisp new bills will be as thick as autumn leaves in the doubtful states.

The immense power of the federal machine will be wielded by the skilled hands of an Elkins and a Clarkson, and will become a mighty engine when fed by the "fat" that the machine workers know so well how to use.

Against these powerful forces the democracy has only as weapons the justice of its cause and an appeal to the intelligence of the American people.

But the people are aroused as never before; they are organized, too, and are enthusiastic for a re-establishment of the true principles of a real republic, and if no mistake is made in selecting a leader and outlining a policy, the election will be a repetition of that of 1890.

This is the situation: The contest is to be the most fiercely contested that has ever waged in this country, with victory in the grasp of the democracy if only it will have the courage to seize the prize.

If Editor Streit don't attend more closely to his duties he will get into trouble. He will hardly deny that the directory which so much worries him now was his suggestion, his enterprise, his pet, the result of his ambition. Mr. Baldwin permitted the work to be done under the auspices of the Gazette, much to his sorrow at the time and deep regret now, if he is to be held in any way responsible for it. Mr. Baldwin has many sins of omission and commission to answer for, but he sincerely hopes that Editor Streit will not require him to stand as his proxy in anything. Gabriel himself could not survive such a burden.

EX-GOV. CAMPBELL, the admirable gentleman who made the mistake of backing off of the platform on which he was nominated for gov-

ernor of Ohio, and to whose error of judgment McKinley owes his election, is at work trying to secure the Ohio delegation for Cleveland. There was a time when Campbell was a presidential possibility himself.

THE position of Brother Streit on the subject of city taxation is plain. He is not surprised nor pained to see a republican administration spend a dollar on the hundred dollars valuation for current expenses and interest, but he expects better financing from a democratic administration.

THE DEMOCRAT is in receipt of a note from a "Friend." It would be much more courageous for "friends" to attach their signature to their notes, so that when matters of interest are discussed further communication might be had. It is not brave to write anonymous notes.

THE republican politicians are still figuring on "how it was done" in the late club convention. If they will get Filley into a confiding humor he may tell them. No other man knows how one man succeeded in beating the federal machine.

THE Oklahoma Republican League club convention declares for Harrison. So did the Missouri republicans, but there is a string to it and the end of the string is in the hands of a man who neither got a cabinet position nor anything as good.

If Brother Streit would punish with banishment from office a party that levies a tax of \$1.50 on the hundred dollars valuation, he would certainly be in favor of hanging the man who would propose a sixty per cent. tariff. How about this?

SENATOR IRBY, of South Carolina, says the alliance men of the south are democrats. Of course they are if they really believe in equal rights for all and special favors for none.

THE republicans can have all the congressional districts they can carry in Missouri.

THE Ohio Australian ballot law has been declared unconstitutional.

### TROUBLE AT BOONVILLE.

A Question of Title Involving Large Interests.

All great cities are occasionally bothered with lawsuits involving title to the land upon which such city is built. As will be seen by the following special, our neighboring town of Boonville is about to adopt the fashion in this respect: "A local land dealer of note in this city recently made the startling discovery that the title to the site of Boonville was imperfect, and that it had been so since 1817. In that year two parties, Lucas and Morgan by name, entered a tract of 500 acres of land of a New Madrid location, including what is now the city of Boonville. The following year a lapid office was established and it was ascertained that no law was in force authorizing such entry. The land was then pre-empted by others, from whom Lucas and Morgan purchased it, but the imperfect title which they gave to buyers to that portion of the land which was sold by them prior to the decision of the land office has descended from generation to generation and the title to a large portion of the city of Boonville is still vested in the government.

The tract in dispute embodies all the land lying between Third, Eighth, Wyann and High streets, and includes the entire business portion of the city with a goodly share of residences.

A meeting of citizens was held last evening to take action in the matter, resulting in the appointment of a committee to take immediate steps to perfect the titles.

### Thinks it Was Murder.

LEXINGTON, Mo., Feb. 19.—County Attorney William Aull refused to accept the verdict of the coroner's jury in the Rudolph Sellmeyer case, and has begun an inquiry which he expects will result in a charge of murder, with money as the motive. On Friday, the last time Sellmeyer was seen alive, he is known to have had a snug sum of money on his person. This could not be found when the coroner took charge of the body. Mr. Aull believes that Sellmeyer had undressed to go to bed when his assailant fired the fatal shot, as one of his feet was on the floor and his right hand grasped the bedstead. He was not in position to use the cornstalk found in the room.

Go to the Catholic fair.

### A VALUABLE VOLUME.

A Handsome "School History of the State of Missouri," by Perry S. Rader, A. B.

The DEMOCRAT is in receipt of a "School History of the State of Missouri," by Perry S. Rader, A. B., editor of the Brunswick, Brunswick, Mo.

It is a handsome volume, containing, with the index, 279 pages, and is elegantly and voluminously illustrated.

Its historical divisions consist of the French and Spanish period; the Territorial period, and Missouri as a state.

Mr. Rader tells his story in a plain, unvarnished way, and yet in language that is attractive and entertaining. There are no fine flights of rhetoric, such as may be found in more pretentious books, but the simplicity of the story is captivating, and cannot fail to impress pupils, to whose use it is especially adapted.

The discoveries, first settlements and Spanish rule occupy the first 26 pages, and are of themselves sufficiently romantic to interest alike the young and old.

The Territorial period is most entertainingly treated, and the statehood of Missouri is handsomely handled.

A particular feature of this excellent little volume is found in the multitude of minor yet important facts not heretofore brought to light in any work relating to the commonwealth. This goes to show that the author has made minute and intelligent research and has succeeded in obtaining a mass of information, accurate and invaluable.

The illustrations are very fine, and include portraits of many of the prominent men who have had anything to do with the state, from Robert Cavalier de La Salle to David Rowland Francis.

This book is intended for the use of public and other schools, and the DEMOCRAT is pleased to recommend it, also, to the general reader, for Mr. Rader has put forth a work, which is superior to anything historically written about Missouri.

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### A Cross Old Vixen.

From the Chicago Herald.

February is a cross old vixen. She cannot make the least pretension to beauty, and is entirely dependent upon an occasional display of jewels, or a downy mantle of snow or a particularly dazzling sunset of ribbon at her throat, for all the charms she yields us. Aside from these few outward adornments she is a peculiarly loveless, joyless and unprepossessing creature. I think February is something like 4 o'clock in the afternoon—neither dinner time nor supper time, too late for the matinee and too early for the ball. Flat and uninteresting mediocrity is the stupidest of all things to bear. Now a girl of 20, or a woman of 30, or a matron of 40, or a sweet-faced grandmother of 50, are each and every one always charming; but a girl of hobbledehoy 13 or a withered dame of 90 are not the most desirable of companions. They represent, in turn, prematureness and decay. February is the unformed and undeveloped girl and the withered old woman in one. With spring time yet unguined and the splendor of the year's autumnal beauty outlived, it is well for all that the month is short and flies swiftly.

### Another Petition.

From the Marshall Democrat News.

A. G. Heskett, of the firm of A. Peecher & Co., has just received a letter from his cousin, F. A. Cox, a law student at the university at Ann Arbor, Mich., stating that the law students in that institution from Missouri numbering about 100, had just gotten up a petition asking the Missouri legislature to locate the university of this state at a more central point than Columbia, and where railroad facilities were good. They sent the petition, together with resolutions regarding the matter, to Jefferson City, to be presented at the present session of the legislature.

### Not a Spring Chicken.

W. B. Lyons, division superintendent of the M., K. & T.; T. W. Kennedy, superintendent of the St. L. & H., and C. N. Lee, superintendent of Union depot, were talking together on the Union depot platform yesterday afternoon. Mr. Lyons tips the beam past three hundred pounds and Mr. Kennedy is one of those little wiry fellows like Alexander Stephens was. The Gossiper happened along and Mr. Lee, in a jocular mood, said: "Look at the difference in the size of 'em." The Gossiper confesses that there was a very perceptible difference.—Hannibal Journal.

### The Entertainers.

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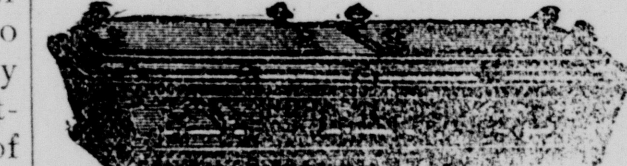
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Miss Helen Gallie was advertised on the programme, but was unable to sing, much to the regret of all.

Miss Lizzie Lee Warren charmed the audience by piano selections from Brahms and Schwanenka. In brilliant execution as a pianist, she stands unsurpassed in amateur circles, and is worthy to be ranked with many of the most accomplished professionals. Her public appearances, as a performer, are all too infrequent.

### The New York Imbroglia.

From the St. Joe Gazette.

As the day appointed for holding Senator Hill's snap-judgment mid-winter convention draws near, it becomes more and more apparent, first, that New York will send a solid Hill delegation to Chicago; second, that this will retire Mr. Cleveland from the list of possible candidates; third, that outside of New York Senator Hill will not be in it; fourth, that no New York man will be nominated.

Criticism of the snap-judgment tactics of Senator Hill continues.

### Bond for the Pen.

Sheriff Polley and Deputy Sheriff Clark, of Adair county, passed through Sedalia this morning, having in charge a young mulatto named Frank Doney, who will serve a two years term as a convict for assault and attempt to kill.

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### Annual Reports.

The heads of the various departments on the M., K. & T. are closing up their annual reports preparatory to submitting them to President and General Manager Cross. The forthcoming annual statement is a most creditable one, and is looked forward to with more than usual interest.—Parsons Sun.

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No. 2, Texas Express, 8:15 a. m. 10:40 a. m.

No. 4, Chicago Exp's, 5:50 p. m. 6:10 p. m.

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NORTH BOUND. Arrives.

No. 200, Accommodation, 9:45 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND. Leaves.

No. 199, Accommodation, 4:15 p. m.

## Missouri Pacific Ry.

MAIN LINE. WESTBOUND. Arrive. Leave.

No. 1 Day Express, 3:25 p. m. 3:35 p. m.

No. 3 Night Express, 3:15 a. m. 3:25 a. m.

No. 5 Local Pass'g'r, 3:15 p. m. 3:40 p. m.

No. 7 Fast Mail, 7:55 a. m. 8:00 a. m.

No. 9 Texas Express, 4:55 a. m.

No. 7 does not carry passengers.

MAIN LINE. EASTBOUND. Arrive. Leave.

No. 2 Day Express, 12:35 p. m. 12:40 p. m.

No. 4 Night Exp'r's 11:55 p. m. 12:01 a. m.

No. 6 Local Pass'g'r, 10:40 a. m. 10:45 a. m.

No. 8 Night Exp'r's, 12:40 a. m. 12:45 a. m.

## Lexington Branch.

WESTBOUND. Arrive. Leave.

No. 102 Colorado Exp's, 5:05 a. m.

No. 101 Local Pass'g'r, 3:45 p. m.

No. 107 Local Freight, 10:55 a. m.

EASTBOUND. Arrive. Leave.

No. 102 St. Louis Exp's, 10:30 a. m.

No. 104 Local Passenger, 10:30 p. m.

No. 108 Local Freight, 3:00 p. m.

## VOICE OF THE PINE TREE.

Thou'rt haunted: it is not thyself  
Breathing such plaint of woe;  
It must be some unhappy elf  
Whose heart broke long ago.

Now it revisits thee alway,  
And stirs thy harp of sorrow;  
We hear its tiny fingers play  
And shudder for the morrow.

It seems to presage grief unborn,  
That trembling sigh of sadness;  
We fear to halt the rosy morn  
Lest we should miss its gladness.

It is as if from earliest time  
No joy thou hadst felt,  
But caught the echoes of a clime  
Where only trouble dwelt.

A mystery hovers overhead  
And shrouds thee all thy days;  
We glance around for presence dread  
When that strange music plays.

It cannot be thy dirge of woe,  
Thy secret grief unfurled;  
There is so deep an overflow  
It saddens all the world.

It moves us on the windy height,  
It haunts us in the starshine;  
It follows through the noonday light—  
The sighing of the pine.

—Mrs. N. B. Morange in Arkansas Traveler.

## THE FRENCH SENTRY.

The enemy had retreated at last, leav-  
ing the French masters of the position.  
The sergeant had gone away, after plac-  
ing a conscript, Claude Latapie, as sen-  
try, on an eminence, under shelter of a  
cottage, which had been half demol-  
ished by the grapeshot.

Night was coming on, and in the deep-  
ening gloom the young soldier looked  
half fearfully at the wintry landscape.  
Each object was a huge, weird silhou-  
ette, which his simple peasant fancy  
transformed into a fantastic specter,  
and he tremblingly recalled the ghostly  
legends heard in his childhood, the wom-  
en crossing themselves, the men shud-  
dering and all drawing nearer the glow-  
ing hearth, while the wind howled  
mournfully. Above him the sky grew  
more and more opaque, not a star pierc-  
ing its blackness, and the bleak north  
wind prolonged the tremulous sighs of  
the branches, as they softly rustled  
against each other.

The sentry clasped his musket firmly  
and stood motionless, paralyzed with  
vague terror and almost numb with cold.  
His thoughts were so busy with the  
memory of his home and of days which  
seemed, after all his battling and hard-  
ship, to be long away, that he half for-  
got his duty of keeping watch.

Suddenly a moaning sound arose in the  
darkness near him. Startled from his  
reverie, Claude shook himself, cocked his  
gun and looked about him anxiously.  
With eye and ear and every muscle on  
the alert, remembering that his com-  
rades were asleep and that they trusted  
to him to awaken them in case of danger.  
The moans continued with a sound of  
strangling like a death rattle; then a  
faint, hoarse cry of agony arose from the  
ruined walls of the house. Claude peered  
in at the doorway, struck a match and  
saw lying in a corner on a heap of rub-  
bish and held down by the fragments of  
the shattered roof the dark outline of a  
human form.

A bit of candle end chanced to be ly-  
ing near and Claude lighted this and  
crept softly toward the corner; in the  
dim light he discovered a soldier, one of  
the enemy, who had evidently been  
struck down by the falling joists, for a  
beam lay across his chest. The young  
Frenchman uttered an exclamation ex-  
pressing fierce hate, and drew his bayo-  
net threateningly; the other man looked  
at him with haggard eyes. Claude was  
ashamed and drew back; it was indeed  
an enemy, but a wounded one, and the  
conscript lowered his musket, which  
struck the frozen ground with a sharp,  
clanking sound.

"Let him die," he muttered; but a  
choking voice exclaimed imploringly:

"Drink!"

"You want a drink? Very likely," re-  
torted the young trooper, laying his  
hand on the canteen, which, before tak-  
ing his place as sentry, he had filled with  
warm coffee, generously seasoned with  
brandy. "Very proper for me to warn  
an enemy's stomach at the expense of a  
Frenchman's!"

He laughed sneeringly, and as if in de-  
fiance of the wounded man's entreaty  
opened the canteen and put it to his own  
lips. But the first drop seemed to choke  
him; after all, this wretched German was  
a fellow man! Claude leaned his gun  
against the wall, stooped over the suf-  
ferer, lifted off the heavy beam and then,  
kneeling down, held the canteen over  
the gasping mouth. The other man  
raised his hands eagerly to grasp the  
treasure.

"None of that," cried Claude; "put  
down your paws, or not a drop shall you  
have. The creature thinks I would be  
willing to drink after his beery lips!"

The wounded man understood, for he  
had lived in France before the war, and  
made a movement as if to turn away  
from the look of disgust which accom-  
panied Claude's words, but his feverish  
thirst made him change his mind. He  
opened his mouth and the other man  
poured into it a stream of warm coffee  
from the canteen, then, standing up,  
tossed off a bumper as his own share and  
rushed out of the cabin in sudden terror  
at the thought of having deserted his  
post.

"That was a hard tug," said Claude,  
between his teeth.

At the end of half an hour, partly for  
the purpose of learning how the wounded  
man was getting on and partly to shield  
himself from the cutting wind which  
lashed his face, the young sentry again  
entered the cottage.

The poor German, still tortured with  
fever, stretched out his hand for the can-  
teen, and filled with pity, Claude Latapie  
forgot his former repugnance, hur-  
riedly detached the gourd from his belt  
and handed it to the sufferer. As he  
went out again four armed men stood  
before him, and before he had time to  
give the alarm he was disarmed and a  
prisoner. Sounds of hushed footsteps,  
rendered almost inaudible by the deep  
snow, now approached, and a body of  
men came to a halt. Their captain, a  
Bavarian, ordered the prisoner into the

house and questioned him in French,  
but Claude made no reply.

"Answer me, rascal," said the officer  
after a pause, "or your lips will be  
opened by a bayonet through your body.  
Where is the main guard stationed?"  
The young soldier was silent.

"Here, men, spike this pigheaded fel-  
low," but an imploring voice exclaimed:  
"Stop!" In surprise the captain turned  
around, saw the man lying in the corner,  
recognized him as one of his own com-  
pany who had been left for dead, and  
learned how compassionate the prisoner  
had been to him.

"Very well, I will spare his life," said  
the officer, "but we must take him with  
us. Muller and Hermann, bind his  
hands and lead him between you, and if  
he makes the least noise strangle him  
with his own voice. Forward! We shall  
soon find the French."

Claude Latapie was in despair. He  
had deserted his post, had failed to give  
the alarm, and consequently his com-  
rades were about to be surprised and  
massacred. How could he prevent it?  
What could he do to save them?

He marched along quietly, rejoiced  
for a minute at perceiving that his cap-  
tors were taking the wrong direction,  
but the captain soon discovered his error  
and changed the route. This time they  
were on the right road; the little band  
of Frenchmen would be easily captured  
—all was lost!

Suddenly the prisoner stumbled and  
fell, and as his guardians stooped to  
drag him up again his fingers clutched  
the trigger guard of Muller's musket.  
The man snatched at the weapon, but  
Claude hung on, and in spite of his  
hands being bound succeeded in his de-  
sign. Then he felt the trigger. Her-  
mann pierced him with a bayonet, and  
Claude, mortally wounded, felt his hold  
relax; convulsively he made another ef-  
fort and the gun went off. A loud re-  
port echoed through the darkness, and  
with all his remaining strength he  
shouted:

"To arms!"

Then, pierced through the body, he  
reeled and stiffened, biting the snow.

But the report and the cry were heard.  
The French, aroused, attacked the  
enemy; their main guard came up, and  
after a short engagement the Germans,  
finding themselves surrounded, laid  
down their arms.

Claude Latapie was lying in an am-  
bulance when the general of the corps  
came up, bringing him the vaticum of  
the brave, the cross of the Legion of  
Honor. The young man, however, made  
a wild gesture as he exclaimed:

"No, no; you do not know how it  
was!"

"I know you are a brave man," re-  
plied the general.

"Ah, my God!" sighed Claude, "must  
I proclaim my own dishonor before I  
die? I deserve court martial instead of  
the cross." And humbly, in a voice  
broken by sobs, he confessed his momen-  
tary desertion from his post, adding in  
conclusion:

"The whole outpost might have been  
destroyed through my fault, yet I could  
not help pitying that miserable Ger-  
man."

"His comrades made but a poor re-  
turn for your compassion," said the of-  
ficer.

"They warned me. I knew what to  
expect," Claude answered simply, "and  
I am happy, for I die for France. That  
is more than I deserve."

"Give me your hand, my brave fel-  
low," cried the general. "You have  
more than atoned. I am proud to com-  
mand such a man as you!" and stooping  
he laid the medal on Claude's breast and  
gave him the accolade. The soldier's  
face was illuminated as he grasped the  
medal in his hot hands, and gasping for  
breath he murmured:

"This is for my mother. Will you  
send it to her?"

And on receiving the general's prom-  
ise the conscript smiled and died.—From  
the French of Georges de Lys.

## If She Only Knew.

The wife of a cabinet minister went  
out of town for a day or two, the week  
before she was to hold a big official re-  
ception. She got into a carriage at  
Euston in which were a young lady and  
(apparently) her aunt, her intrusion being  
much resented by the young lady, who,  
I am sorry to say, did not scruple to  
utter audible expressions of annoyance  
at the invasion of her privacy, and al-  
together tried to make things as awk-  
ward and uncomfortable as possible for  
the cabinet minister's unhappy wife.

The latter, however, settled down be-  
hind her own paper till she was roused  
by the sound of her own name. "Are  
you going to Mrs. —'s reception?" the  
young lady was asking her aunt. Yes,  
the aunt was going. Whereupon the  
niece broke into vehement exclamations  
of her desire to go, too, and for the rest  
of the journey talked over every possi-  
bility of getting an invitation from the  
cabinet minister's wife, who was all the  
time sitting opposite to her. ndon  
Spectator.

## Heavy Ancient Saddles.

In Montfalcon's engraving of the pil-  
lar of Theodosius, the covering upon  
which the rider sits seems to have a  
pommel in front of it and the extremity  
of a saddle tree in the rear. That the  
saddle was in use in 385 is substantiated  
by an edict of that date issued by  
the Emperor Theodosius, forbidding  
riders of post horses to use saddles of  
more than sixty pounds in weight. The  
saddles of that day must have been pon-  
derous affairs compared with the light,  
yet strong and compact saddles now in  
use.—Detroit Free Press.

## Ages of Trees.

The pine tree has a longer life than  
trees of other species and attains an age  
of from 500 to 700 years; the silver fir  
comes next with 425 as a maximum, then  
the larch with 275, the red beech next  
with 245. The maximum ages of the  
aspens, birch, ash, alder and elm vary  
from 210 down to 130. The oak begins  
to decay when about 300 years old,  
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### POLITICAL.

#### For City Marshal.

The DEMOCRAT is authorized to announce John Hyatt as a candidate for marshal of the city of Sedalia, subject to the action of the democratic party.

### HIS FIRST CRIME.

#### Cooper County the Scene of Hedgepeth's First Wrong Step.

The first crime for which Marion Hedgepeth was convicted, says the *Republic*, and the first which he is known to have ever committed, was perpetrated at Prairie Home, in Cooper county, a little town near the Missouri river, not very far from Pisgah, the native village of the noted train robber. The crime was breaking into the general merchandise store of Elmer Coontz and carrying off a lot of fine cutlery, firearms and silk handkerchiefs. The burglars did not get much money.

The robbery was committed just about dawn. Two well-mounted young fellows rode into the peaceful little village and straight up to the store of Coontz. One of these young men was Marion Hedgepeth and the other was Henry Sanders. The inhabitants of the village were not yet awake, and even the dogs, which in a country town are always numerous and noisy, except in the early hours preceding dawn, were still. The riders, nevertheless, kept a sharp lookout about them, and when they arrived at the store one dismounted and forced an entrance through the door and got out the booty above named.

The men then started across the country, but the noise of their departure waked up some one about the store and then began a lively chase across Cooper county's prairies. Farmers along the route took down their guns and joined in it. The men were finally overhauled, and after a show of resistance were captured and taken back to Prairie Home. A posse was then formed and the two men were taken to Boonville, where they were kept in jail about six months, during which time they broke jail, but were recaptured. They were tried before Hon. J. W. Draffen, who sat as special judge in the absence of Judge E. L. Edwards, the presiding judge of the circuit. They were sentenced to five years each in the penitentiary. Sanders was pardoned out by Governor Marmaduke, after being incarcerated a short time. Hedgepeth served his term out and afterward went to the southwest.

The above story was told a Republican reporter by W. V. Draffen, Chief Clerk of the State World's Fair commission, whose father pronounced the sentence sending the train-robber to the penitentiary.

"I shall never forget the day Hedgepeth was brought into Boonville," said Mr. Draffen yesterday. "They had him in a spring wagon with his partner, Sanders. Sanders looked downcast, but Hedgepeth was defiant. Behind the wagon rode a cavalcade of Cooper county farmers armed with double-barreled shotguns, 'Long Tom's' and navies, and an attempt at escape on the part of Hedgepeth would have been sure death. Both criminals were incarcerated in the same cell of the jail at Boonville and almost every day some attempt at escape was detected. One day shortly before the trial Deputy Sheriff L. L. Williams, who is now World's Fair commissioner from Alaska, went into the cell with some letters and some food. By some means Hedgepeth had gotten hold of a stick of wood, and when Williams turned to leave the cell he was struck a terrible blow on the back of the head, which fractured his skull and rendered him unconscious. Sanders and Hedgepeth made a rush for liberty and got to the city cemetery, about a mile from town, before they were captured. Sanders gave up at once, but Hedgepeth refused at first to stop when commanded to halt. Finally Dave Layton, acting deputy sheriff, came up with him and cried: 'Hold up your hands, Marion. You are my prisoner.'

"I don't know whether I will hold them up or not," returned Hedgepeth, as he faced Layton.

"The next second he drew a

knife from his pocket, but Layton covered him with his revolver and Hedgepeth gave in. He was closely guarded after that and it was not long before he was sent to Jefferson City."

Mr. Draffen also stated that Hedgepeth's father was once a respected farmer living near Pisgah, Cooper county, but he did not know whether was still living or not.

### A SEDALIAN HONORED.

#### J. C. Thompson Appointed Local Treasurer of the M., K. & T. at Sedalia.

The following circular No. 2, issued by the executive committee of the M., K. & T. railway company at No. 45 Wall street, New York, will be a source of pleasure to the host of friends of J. C. Thompson, of this city:

OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS RAILWAY COMPANY, 45 WALL STREET, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 16, 1892.

#### CIRCULAR NO. 2.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway company, held in New York on Tuesday, February 2d, 1892, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That on and after March 1st, 1892, the officers in charge of the revenues of this company at the several places in the west, now called assistant treasurers, will be designated as local treasurers.

In conformity therewith, on and after March 1st, proximo, B. P. McDonald is designated as local treasurer, at Parsons, Kansas, and J. C. Thompson is designated as local treasurer, at Sedalia, Missouri.

HENRY C. ROUSE, Chairman of the Board. By order of Executive Committee.

Mr. Thompson is one of the most thorough business men in the west, a thorough gentleman, and how much his services as assistant treasurer of the M., K. & T. have been appreciated is shown by this recent appointment.

#### Jumped the Track.

Missouri Pacific switch engine No. 201 jumped the track just east of Ohio street at noon. The wheels sank deep into the mud and it required considerable hard work to put her on the track again.

#### Assembly Ball.

The Assembly club of this city gave a ball at Armory hall last night. Pretty girls, gallant men and good music conspired to make the occasion a happy one.

#### To-Day's Real Estate Transfers.

J. F. Kennedy to Ed. Moore, lot 9, P. Myer's addition, \$300.

Ellis R. Smith, trustee for land of Burgess Moor and wife, to Missouri Trust Co., 42½ acres in section 15, township 46, range 20, \$200.

Richard Shaw and wife to P. Parker, lot 312 and e½ lot 313, block F., Lamonte, \$600.

Lewis E. Porter and wife to Porter Real Estate Co.—north 38 feet of lot 1, block 2, Campbell's addition; lots 7 & 8, block 2, Clay's first addition; part nw¼ of sw¼ of sw¼, sec. 3, twp. 45, range 21, \$3,500.

#### The Condon Fund.

J. T. Davies sends one dollar to the fund for the relief of Mrs. Condon.

#### A Little Blaze.

The fire department was called out shortly after the noon hour to 505 South Lamine, where there was a little blaze. No damage of consequence was done.

#### Major Newman Here.

Major Henry Newman arrived in the city this afternoon. He is on his way to Higginsville to attend a business meeting at the Confederate home to-morrow.

#### The Creeks All Up.

Flat creek, Muddy creek, Shave Tail and several other local streams are reported higher than known for several years, owing to the recent heavy rains.

#### The Funeral To-Morrow.

The funeral of Miss Susie Breeze, who died at the Atlantic house, in this city, last night, will take place from there at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The young lady was 21 years old and had many friends who lament her untimely death.

#### Elliston.

A handsome photograph of the magnificent \$10,000 Kentucky stallion, Elliston, recently purchased by some Sedalia gentlemen, is on exhibition at Siche's hotel.

#### For Vagrancy.

John Benninger was arrested by Deputy Constable Frank Barnett yesterday and taken before Justice Fisher this morning on a charge of vagrancy.

He was fined \$20 and costs and will go to jail.

### PERSONALS.

Oscar Andreen came in from the west this morning.

Engineer Sam Thurber is up from Parsons to-day and registered at Kaiser's.

Secretary Langhorne, of the Y. M. C. A., went to Kansas City yesterday afternoon.

Dr. T. E. White, the well known veterinary surgeon, left this morning for Jefferson City.

Herman Scott went to Jefferson City at noon to attend the Pierian club ball to-night.

Colonel Sam Acton, who has been in Sedalia for several days under medical treatment, went to Clifton City this morning.

Temperance Evangelist A. P. M. Gross left this afternoon for Lamonte, where, by invitation, he goes to organize a blue ribbon club.

Rev. R. S. Hunter, presiding elder of the Clinton district for the M. E. church, South, passed through Sedalia this morning, going east.

C. W. Worman, his secretary, Mr. Wood, and Henry Borg, the poultry dealers, left for St. Louis last night and will there continue in the same business.

Mrs. Robert Lister is reported seriously ill at her home, 418 Engineer street. She is an estimable lady and her many friends hope for her early recovery.

Bayless Steele returned to Kansas City yesterday afternoon after spending a few days with his mother, during the absence of his brother at Jefferson City.

W. H. Graves, a former well-known telegraph operator in this city, passed through at noon on his way to St. Louis, where he goes to accept a position with the Missouri Pacific.

Miss Mollie Holman, who has charge of the musical department in the Pilot Grove Collegiate Institute, and who is recognized as one of the sweetest singers in the state, passed through Sedalia this morning, on her way to Jefferson City.

Mrs. H. P. Gray received notice to-day of the death of Mrs. Harris, of Sedalia. Mrs. Harris was a niece of Mrs. Gray and a sister of Mrs. Harber, formerly of this city, but now of Colorado Springs. She was also related to Granville and Ollie Hoss, of this city.—*Nevada Mail*.

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#### TO IMPROVE COUNTRY ROADS.

Missouri Farmers Meet and Organize an Association.

St. JOSEPH, Feb. 18.—Two hundred representative farmers of Buchanan county met here yesterday as an institute to discuss matters of interest to them. They were addressed by Hon. Chubbuck, of Columbia, secretary of the State Agricultural College, and Representative Ben Stewart and others interested in the work proposed by the institute. The institute will remain in session until this afternoon and a permanent organization will be effected before adjournment. The main object the farmers have in organizing a permanent association of this character is to secure better roads, and this subject received the greater share of attention at yesterday's meetings. It is expected that every township in the county will be represented by one or more prominent farmers. Representative Ben Stewart, who has taken a great interest in the work of the institute, was compelled to leave for Jefferson City yesterday afternoon to attend the extra session of the General Assembly.

#### Negro Politicians.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 19.—One hundred negro republican politicians met in conference behind barred doors here yesterday. The object of their meeting is to devise means by which the negroes can obtain control of republican politics and federal patronage in Alabama. They say they intend to elect a negro state chairman at the next meeting of the republican committee. Resolutions were passed condemning the railroads for failing to provide equal accommodations alike for white and black. They say they will carry this matter to the court.

They are opposed to Harrison because he gave nearly all the offices to white men and left "Sambo" out in the cold.

#### Expert Criticism.

From the New York Sun.

"I see you have written your poetry in gas meter, Mr. Rimer."

"Gas meter, sir!"

"Yes, there are many redundant feet."

#### The Universal Remedy.

From the Nashville Herald.

The Kentucky remedy for grip is whisky, but in Kentucky they think whisky will mend a broken leg.

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### GRAND OLD MISSOURI.

#### Certain Unfamiliar Facts and Figures Regarding This Imperial Commonwealth.

Rufus Easton, one of the most noted men in Missouri throughout the territorial period and long after she became a state, was born in Connecticut in 1774, came west in 1804, and four years later became the first postmaster of St. Louis. Still later he was a member of congress, and was also attorney-general. He did more than any other person to expose Aaron Burr's conspiracy, and died at a green old age in St. Charles.

By the terms of the first constitution of Missouri the judges of the supreme and circuit courts were appointed by the governor. This law remained in force until forty years ago, when it was changed and judges were thereafter elected by the people.

The first members of the supreme court were three in number—Mathias McGirk, of Montgomery county; John D. Cook, of Cape Girardeau, and John Rice Jones, of Pike county. Jones was the first English lawyer resident within the country now known as Illinois. He settled in Potosi in 1808, and was there the partner of Moses Austin, after whom the capital of Texas is named. Judge Jones, in 1810, conducted the only English school then in St. Louis.

The first governor of Missouri, after she became a state, was Alexander McNair, a Pennsylvanian, born in 1774. His parents died about the time he attained his majority, and he and his brother agreed upon a novel plan to divide the estate. This was, that whoever should be victor in a fair rough-and-tumble encounter should be owner of the homestead. Alexander received a sound drubbing from his brother, to which he afterward said he owed the honor of being governor of Missouri.

At the first session of the Missouri general assembly, which met in St. Louis in September, 1820, there were fourteen senators and forty-three representatives. At this session acts were passed creating the counties of Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Cole, Gasconade, Lafayette, Perry, Ralls, Ray and Saline. Most of these were formerly included in what is now Howard county.

Thomas Hart Benton, a democrat, and David Barton, a whig, who were elected United States senators by the first general assembly, in 1820, were not allowed to take their seats in the senate until

1821, because the state had not yet been admitted to the union. Barton was a native of Tennessee and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He died, insane, in Boonville, and was first buried in the city cemetery there, where a tall, weather-worn monument still stands to his memory. Another costly monument, erected to his memory, stands in the center of the beautiful Walnut Grove cemetery, in the same city.

The celebrated Lewis and Clark expedition, which was projected by President Jefferson, and which began the ascent of the Missouri river in 1804, was in charge of General Lewis, the president's private secretary, and Captain Clark, of the United States army. The company was composed of nine young men from Kentucky, fourteen soldiers, two Canadian boatmen and a few servants. They traveled over 4,000 miles to the Pacific ocean, and returned, after an absence of two years.

Daniel Boone, the great explorer of Kentucky, who died six miles from the Missouri river, in St. Charles county, Mo., in 1820, in a two story stone house—the first of its kind in the state—was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1732, the same year George Washington was born. His father was a native of England. The remains of Daniel Boone were buried in a cherry coffin which he had made himself and kept ready for several years. The legislature adjourned one day in honor of his memory. The remains of him and his wife were afterward interred with ceremonial pomp at Frankfort, Kentucky, in 1845.

Rev. Father Murphy has given a handsome brass crucifix with music box attachment, also a Swiss Cuckoo clock, to be raffled at the fair to be given by the ladies of St. Vincent's church in aid of the church building fund.

Go to the Catholic fair.

#### Can't be Kept.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle.

Dukane: "You have a fine new watch, I see."

Gaswell: "Yes; isn't it a beauty? It cost \$150."

"Does it keep good time?"

"Keep time? No; time flies as fast as before I bought it."

#### Regular Prohibitionists First.

From the New York Herald.

Traveler in Iowa drug store: "Do you fill prescriptions here?"

Druggist: "Naw, sir; we've got ter tend to our customers fust."

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### MEAT ON FRIDAY.

#### Catholics Need Not Fast on That Day or During Lent.

Not an announcement has been made for years that is of so much interest to religious circles all over the world as that recently issued by Pope Leo XIII., says the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette*.

It practically abolishes the fast of Friday. The custom of observing the weekly memorial day of the Crucifixion by abstinence from meat is almost as old as the Catholic church itself, while numerous other days of fast and abstinence have been observed for many centuries.

The official order issued by the Holy Roman Inquisition, reviews the prevalence and dangers of the various forms of influenza existing in Europe and America, and says: "Wherefore, availing Himself of the service of the Sacred Council of the Supreme Roman Universal Inquisition, the Holy Father by Apostolic Authority imparts to all regions, in which the aforementioned disease prevails, power to absolve the Faithful of their charge, from the obligation of fasting and abstinence, as long as in their judgment the state of the public health requires this Apostolic indulgence."

In pursuance to this order Archbishop Elder promulgated an order, which has been read in every church of the diocese, which will be readily understood from the following extract referring to the Papal order:

"His Holiness authorizes all bishops and ordinaries, in places where the present grievous malady is prevailing, to dispense the faithful from the law of fasting and abstinence.

"By virtue of that authority we publish this dispensation for the diocese of Cincinnati. The dispensation is general and makes no exceptions of days or seasons."

It will be seen that this not only abolishes the fast Friday and other days set apart by church, but also the lenten season, with all its restrictions. Those who have observed the slowness with which Papal orders are revoked will readily realize that no change will be made before the custom will be almost forgotten, and, in a word, the custom of observing certain seasons of fastings will probably never be fully resumed.

The edict will also have an effect upon social life, which has hitherto been held in check during certain seasons from this rule of the church.

In the official orders of both the pope and the bishop the public are exhorted to good works and self-denials as substitutions for the sacrifices abolished.

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